EMSC Committee Survey 8-30-07



Results Overview

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EMSC Survey Introduction

The EMS for Children (EMSC) Committee of the State EMS Advisory Board is currently holding discussions about the understanding and knowledge of EMS personnel in Virginia related to the reporting of suspected cases of child abuse and neglect. The Committee is interested in learning what opinions and practices exist today and has developed a brief survey to assess and define this information.

The purpose of the survey is to determine what EMS providers understand about their current responsibilities, and their general attitudes related to reporting suspected cases of child abuse and neglect. In addition, the survey contains questions concerning reporting requirements for EMS personnel related to suspected cases of elder abuse and neglect. On behalf of the entire Committee, Dr. Theresa Guins, M.D., Chair of the EMS for Children Committee would like to thank individuals in advance for their time and effort to complete this brief survey.

If you have any questions related to this survey please contact Mr. Dave Edwards, EMSC Coordinator for the Virginia Office of EMS at david.edwards@vdh.virginia.gov or call 1-800-523-6019.

1. Are you, as an EMS provider, required to report suspected child and elderly abuse/neglect to the appropriate "hotline" or state/local agency?

Yes		1809	86%
No		62	3%
Child abuse only		17	1%
Elderly abuse only		163	8%
Don't know		57	3%
	Total	2108	100%

2. Have you ever reported suspicions of child or elderly abuse/neglect to personnel at a receiving hospital?

No		1038	49%
Child abuse only		221	10%
Elderly abuse only		282	13%
Both		564	27%
	Total	2105	100%

3. Have you ever reported suspicions of child or elderly abuse/neglect <u>directly</u> via the appropriate "hotline" or by calling the appropriate state/local agency?

No	1548	74%
Child abuse only	120	6%
Elderly abuse only	218	10%

Both		205	10%
	Total	2091	100%

4. Have you ever suspected that you have seen a case of child or elderly abuse/neglect in your capacity as an EMS provider?

No		835	40%
Child abuse only		193	9%
Elderly abuse only		357	17%
Both		714	34%
	Total	2099	100%

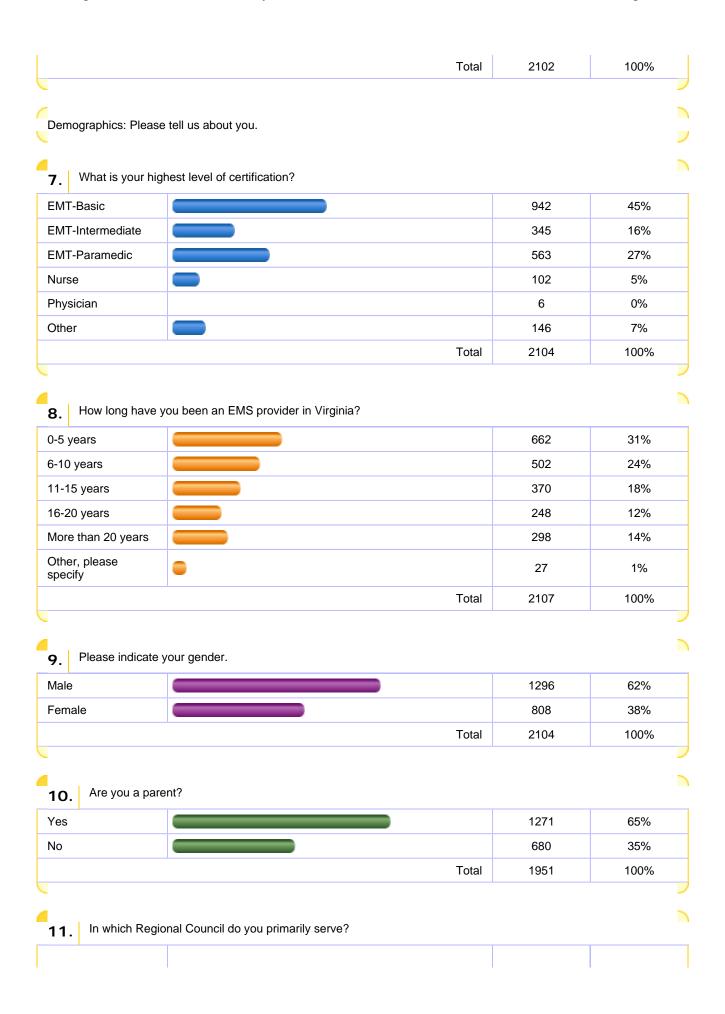
What would stop you, as an EMS provider, from reporting your suspicions of child and elderly abuse/neglect directly to the child abuse or elderly abuse "hotline" (or appropriate agency)?

Check as many boxes as apply.

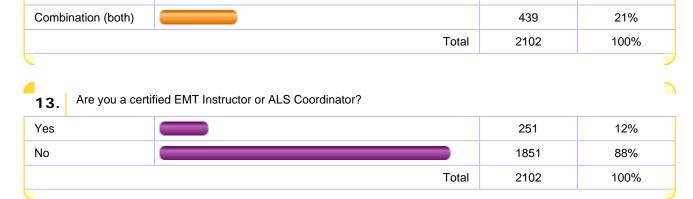
Nothing would stop me		1666	79%
Too busy		30	1%
Might end up in court		63	3%
Makes it worse for the victim		117	6%
Don't care		3	0%
Too much trouble	•	16	1%
Fear of retaliation		81	4%
Against agency or departmental policy		38	2%
Don't want to cause trouble in case I'm wrong		217	10%
None of my business		9	0%
Fear of some kind of "liability"		111	5%
Other, please specify		193	9%

6. On a scale of 1-5, please select the number that best describes the likelihood that you would be willing to report suspected child and/or elderly abuse/neglect directly to the appropriate abuse "hotline".

Never	4	0%
Not likely	23	1%
Might	127	6%
Very likely	789	38%
Everytime	1159	55%



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Southwest Virginia EMS Council		147	7%
Western Virginia EMS Council		181	9%
Blue Ridge EMS Council		109	5%
Central Shenandoah EMS Council		117	6%
Thomas Jefferson EMS Council		154	7%
Old Dominion EMS Alliance		405	19%
Rappahannock EMS Council		166	8%
Lord Fairfax EMS Council		88	4%
Northern Virginia EMS Council		311	15%
Peninsulas EMS Council		153	7%
		257	12%
	Total	2088	100%
Tidewater EMS Council			
12. Do you consid	er yourself a "career" or "volunteer" EMS provider?	618	29%
Volunteer		1045	50%
volunteer		1043	JU70



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